

## RSU #63

- a. **NEPN/NSBA Code:** **IHBG**
- b. **Title:** **Home Schooling**
- c. **Author:** **Director of Special Services**
- d. **Replaces Policy:**
- e. **Date Approved:** **05/17/2021RSU #63**
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- g. **Policy Expiration:** **Review as Needed**
- h. **Responsible for Review:** **Director of Special Services/Superintendent/  
Policy Committee**
- i. **Date Reviewed:** **04/28/2021 Director of Special Services  
04/20/2021 Superintendent  
05/03/2021 Policy Committee**
- j. **References:** **20-A MRSA § 5001-A  
Ch. 125 § 12.02, Ch. 130 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rules)**
  - Cross References:** **JEA- Compulsory School Attendance  
IHBGA – Home Schooling-Participation in  
School Programs  
IHBGB – Special Education Services for  
Students in Private Schools or Home Schooling**
- k. **Narrative:**

Parents/guardians living within RSU #63 (the District), who wish to have their children fulfill the compulsory school attendance law through equivalent education by home schooling, must comply with the provisions of 20-A MRSA § 5001-A(3)(A)(4).

- I. The student's parent/guardian must provide a written notice of intent to provide home instruction simultaneously to the Superintendent of RSU 63 and to the Commissioner of the Department of Education within ten calendar days of the beginning of home instruction. The notice must contain the following information:
  - A. The name, signature, and address of the student's parent/guardian;
  - B. The name and age of the student;
  - C. The date the home instruction program will begin;
  - D. A statement of assurance that indicates the home instruction program will provide at least 175 days annually of instruction and will provide instruction in: English and language arts, math, science, social studies, physical education, health education, library skills, fine arts, and, in at least one grade from grade 6 to 12, Maine studies. At one grade level from grade 7 to 12, the student will demonstrate proficiency in the use of computers; and

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maintained by the student's parent/guardian until the home instruction program concludes. The records must be made available to the Commissioner upon request.

- IV.** If the home instruction program is discontinued, students of compulsory school age must be enrolled in a public school or an equivalent instruction alternative as provided for by law. The receiving school will determine the placement of the student. At the secondary level, the principal of the receiving school will determine the value of the prior educational experience toward meeting the standards of Maine's system of Learning Results.
- V.** The RSU 63 Board of Directors (the Board) accepts no responsibility for the district application, review, approval, or oversight of home instruction programs except as provided for by law or this policy.
- VI.** Participation by home-schooled students in the public-school program will only be permitted as described elsewhere in Board policy.
- VII.** The Superintendent will maintain a roster of all students eligible to attend school within the District who are receiving equivalent instruction, as provided in Department of Education rules.